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The Wise, The Mighty, And The Rich (Kent Heaton)

The achievements of man throughout history declare the powerful intelligence given by the Creator for man to have dominion over all the world. Egypt constructed pyramids that stand for thousands of years, and the marvels of mummification still intrigue scientists today. Rome built a nation on the technological advances of its day that would rival any civilization throughout history.

China raised a stone, brick, earthen, and wood wall almost four thousand miles long that can be seen from space. On July 21, 1969, Neil Armstrong walked on the moon's surface – a scientific milestone showing the mastery of man's wisdom. The last 45 years have seen an explosion of wonders changing the lives of every person on the planet.

Wars have been fought continually since the beginning of

time. Modern warfare is fought with the advancements of man's wisdom that can destroy whole cities with a single weapon, launch missiles from hundreds of miles away, rain "shock and awe" on a nation, and bring fear to all who stand against the might of a powerful nation. The might of man is explosive, powerful, deadly, and dreadful.

The American dream is filled with the promise of riches, wealth, and the good life.

Large homes, new cars, boats, fashionable clothes, tech gadgets that entertain the family, televisions the size of sofas, and a lottery in forty-four states make gambling socially acceptable.

Athletes are paid millions of dollars to play a sport, Hollywood churns out sewer-infested filth bringing in trillions of dollars, executives loot retirement funds to support their degraded view of the common man, and the almighty dollar is worshipped in nearly every home as the god of happiness.



DONT QUIT

"Thus says the Lord: 'Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, let not the mighty man glory in his might, nor let the rich man glory in his riches; but let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these, I delight,' says the Lord" (Jeremiah 9:23-24).

If all the wisdom and the might of man were secured in the vault with all man's riches, the final sum would not be an atom's atom closer to the magnificence of the Almighty Jehovah – nothing man can do would ever be worthy of consideration before God. The only thing that matters in this life is to understand there is a God and man is not Him.

To know the Lord is to have a deep reverence for the nature of He who is called Jealous (Exodus 34:14). Man must recognize that God is Lord and Jesus is King of Kings and Lord of Lords (Revelation 19:16). The character of a loving Father is steadfast love, a just hand and a law that is right in the purest form.

Man's wisdom, his might, and all his riches are nothing before the

Lord. "Behold, the nations are as a drop in a bucket, and are counted as the small dust on the scales; look, He lifts up the isles as a very little thing" (Isaiah 40:15). Solomon concluded that man's all is to "Fear God and keep His commandments" (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

All the wisdom of man and his mighty power and his wealth will not save him. Our challenge is to look in the mirror of our life and see how far we have trusted our own wisdom, might, and riches.

What **ARE** You
Thankful
for?

Do we need the wisdom found in the word of God? How often do we trust the Lord to make our decisions, or are we despots who rely upon our own might? The power of money may drive more of our life than we realize – look at the bank account and see how much it glorifies God.

Man is a funny creature. He is the only one who fails to realize where his blessings come from (Isaiah 1:3). Our wisdom should come from above (James 3:17-18), our might from God (2 Timothy 1:7), and our riches from His grace (Ephesians 1:3).

Folly Of Over Preparedness (Martin Buxbaum)

A chicken-hearted knight had to go on a long journey, so he tried to anticipate all problems. He carried a sword and armor in case he met someone unfriendly, a large jar of ointment for sunburn and poison ivy, an ax for chopping, firewood, a tent, blankets, pots, and pans, and oats for his horse. He rode off-clanking, gurgling, thudding, and tinkling; he was a moving junk pile.

When he was halfway across a dilapidated bridge, the boards gave way, and he and his horse fell into the river and drowned. He had forgotten to pack a life preserver.

The moral of the story is that when we overburden ourselves with the anticipation of trouble, fate is laughing her head off. She can provide us with troubles we could never foresee in our wildest dreams. I believe that he who travels with faith travels lightest and safest.

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- I was not put here to "find myself" but rather to serve God (Ecclesiastes 12:13).
 - The way a Christian lives should separate himself from everyone else.
 - Your daily life is the only true testimony of your religion.
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Co-Dependents



Keeping Christ The Main Thing (Bob Dickey)

“For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified” (1 Corinthians 2:2).

George Sweeting said, “The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing.” That is not always the easy thing to do. But Paul said he was determined to do just that. He could sum up his life with just one word: “Christ.” (Philippians 1:21)

Many churches today get involved in a multitude of worldly programs and activities. They want to be sure to offer anything that might appeal to the desires of modern churchgoers.

Our emphasis is on Christ, and His Word found in the New



Testament. We have determined to offer nothing less or nothing more. We are not perfect; we often fail and fall short. But we have determined to stay with the main thing: CHRIST JESUS!

House And Home (Selected)

A cute little girl was sitting on top of a pile of luggage in a hotel lobby. Her parents were at the desk registering for their room. A sympathetic lady asked the little girl if they were visiting relatives in the city. "Oh, no," the girl replied. "We're going to live at this hotel until we find a house. My Daddy has

a new job, and we had to sell our house and move."

The lady said, "Oh, it's too bad you don't have a home." To which the girl replied, "Oh, we have a home - it's just that we don't have a house to put it in."

Paul wrote: "Wherefore we faint not; but though our outward man is decaying, yet our inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is for the moment, worketh for us more and more exceedingly an eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal" (2 Corinthians 4:16-18).

G. K. Chesterton said Christianity has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and not tried.

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Times of Services

Sunday Bible Class for all ages (10:00am)

Sunday Worship all Welcome (11:00am & 6:00pm)

Wednesday Bible Class for all ages (7:00pm)

Supporting the GOSPEL in other places:

☞ Jamey Hinds, Hollywood, Florida; Roy Fenner, Panama City, Florida

☞ Zeke Flores, Columbus, Texas; Philip North, Branson, Missouri

☞ The saints in Nicaragua

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